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Apparatuses (201) and methods for electrostatically applying a powder material to substrates are described. A plurality of platens (202,203) are provided, each arranged to hold a plurality of substrates such as solid dosage forms (101,111). Each platen (202,203) is driven around an endless path and passes through a loading region (Fig. 3,4) in which substrates are loaded onto the platens (202,203), a developing region (Fig. 5,6) in which the powder material is applied to the substrates, a fusing region (Fig. 7) in which the applied powder material is fused, and an unloading region (Fig. 8) in which substrates are removed from the platens (202,203).